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11. (U) On September 28, EconOff spoke with Jacques Michaux and Philippe Burghelle-Vernet at the European Commission's Energy and Transport Directorate (DG-TREN) about the U.S. interest in seeking re-election to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council in Category A and followed up with Dimitrios Theologitis who covers IMO issues in DG-TREN's Maritime Transport and Ports Policy Unit. The Commission holds observer status, so voting is left to EU Member States, however DG-TREN appreciated the information and notification that the United States would be seeking support in European Union capitals.

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